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SUBJECT: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY - RESEARCH REACTOR FOR
--- UNIVERSITY OF RIYADH

REF: A. STATE 96024, APR 76; B. JIDDA 3162;
C. STATE 123727 MAY 76

1. GENERAL ATOMIC COMPANY ON ADVICE OF THEIR CONTACT
DR. OBEED WHO REPORTS TO DR. RANKIN HAS AVOIDED CONTACTING
SOMATAC OR ANY OTHER AGENT IN EFFORT TO SELL TRIGA REACTOR
DIRECTLY DR. RANKIN FROM PAKISTAN (WHO MAY FAVOR FRENCH
PRODUCED REACTOR) REPORTS TO DR. AL FAHDA DIRECTOR
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING WHOM GA WROTE TO IN MAY 1976. THE
GA LETTER COVERED TECHNICAL PARAMETERS AND ASKED IF GA
SHOULD DEAL THROUGH A TRADING COMPANY OR DIRECTLY. A REPLY
WAS NEWER RECEIVED FROM DR. AL FAHDA.

2. GA HAS PROVIDED TECHNICAL DATA TO ARCHITECT EARL WALLS
WHO IN TURN WORKS WITH HOK PLUS 4 IN LONDON. GA'S TALK

WITH THE BRITISH DESIGNER HAVE BEEN DISCOURAGING TO THE POINT WHERE GA BELIEVES THEIR TRIGA MAY BE DESIGNED OUT PERHAPS IN FAVOR OF BRITISH PRODUCTS.

3. PURCHASE DECISION MUST BE MADE SOON TO MEET 1982 COMPLETION SCHEDULE. AS GA IS NOT EXACTLY SURE WHO WILL MAKE THE FINAL PURCHASE DECISION, THEY BELIEVE A PRESENTATION TO DR. AL FAHDA WILL ALLOW FOR THE END USER TO DECIDE ON TECHNICAL MERITS SO THEY ARE WRITING TO ASK FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH DR. AL FAHDA.

4. THE AFOREMENTIONED WAS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN GORDON DANIELS AND FRED CROSLEY (SIPS) ON JAN 18 AT USDOC. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC ACTION IS REQUESTED, DANIELS CONSIDERED POST SHOULD BE APPRAISED, IN THE EVENT AN OPPORTUNITY ARISES TO INFORM OR OTHERWISE ASSIST THE U.S. PRODUCER. CONTACT IS: ROBERT H. CHESWORTH, TRIGA REACTOR DIVISION, GENERAL ATOMIC COMPANY, P.O. BOX 81608, SAN DIEGO, CA 92138 TELEX 695065, TELEPHONE (714) 455-3574.

5. FOR INFORMATION, EMBASSY IS REMINDED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THE CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY BETWEEN THE USG AND SAG BEFORE THE TRANSFER OF A TRIGA RESEARCH REACTOR COULD OCCUR, USG NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS DISCOURAGING THE EXPORT OF RESEARCH REACTORS USING HIGHLY ENRICHED (HEU) FUEL AT 93 PERCENT ENRICHMENT IN FAVOR OF THOSE USING 19.9 PERCENT U-235 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENRICHED FUEL. THIS POLICY WOULD, OF COURSE, APPLY TO ANY REQUEST TO THE U.S. FOR HEU(OF WHICH THE U.S. IS CURRENTLY THE ONLY SUPPLIER) TO FUEL A RESEARCH REACTOR OBTAINED FROM A VENDOR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. VANCE

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